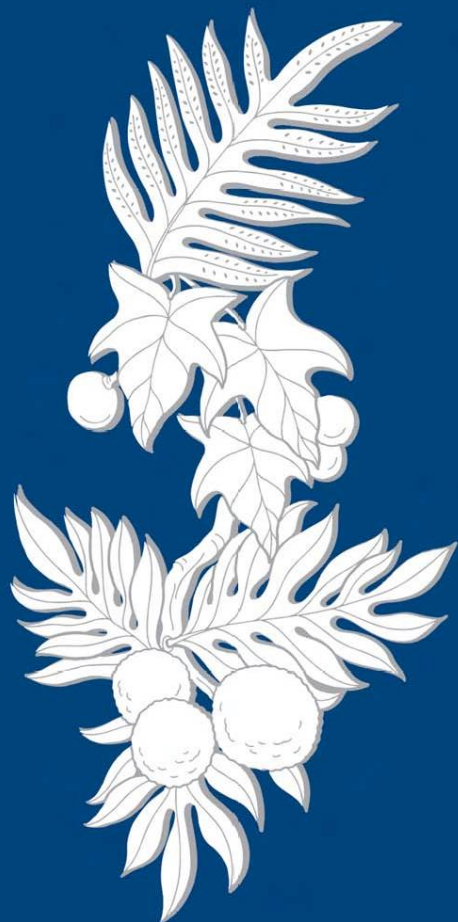


WHAT IS CONSIDERED COMMUNITY SERVICE?




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While Kamehameha Scholars takes a fairly broad stance as to what constitutes community service, there are some forms of volunteer work that we do NOT consider volunteer service, and therefore should not be reported to us as such. The purpose of this flyer is to help clarify what IS and IS NOT considered volunteer service for the purpose of earning the President's Volunteer Service Award.

Volunteer work is defined as any work done for an individual or an organization for which you did NOT receive compensation, is NOT a requirement for your school, or is a punishment (e.g. court-ordered community service). Compensation may include wages, stipends, room and/or board, a class grade, or free goods and/or services over \$25.00 in value.

The following types of service are acceptable by Kamehameha Scholars:

- Any volunteer work performed for a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, whether or not that work was done as a classroom requirement. Examples include: (1) your Biology class goes to Paepae o He'eia Fishpond and helps to clear invasive limu; or (2) you volunteer at your church on weekends.
- Any volunteer work performed on behalf of your school, which was not a requirement toward your class grade. Examples include: (1) you volunteer as the football team manager; (2) your student council group helps to organize a school dance; (3) you help a teacher clean a classroom after school.
- Any volunteer work performed as a participant in one of Kamehameha Schools' summer or intersession programs (Ipukukui, Ho'olauna, or Kulia I Ka Pono) that is focused on the environment and/or issues pertinent to Native Hawaiians. Examples include: (1) working in a lo'i, clearing invasive species, or other direct service activities; (2) conducting research to support public welfare or interest; (3) presenting your findings to the public to support awareness or change. ****Please note that any volunteer hours performed at Ipukukui ONLY will be reported to us by the program and you should NOT report those hours to us yourself.***
- Any volunteer work performed on behalf of your community that is not part of an organized effort by an agency or group, or for an individual member of your community, **as long as that person is NOT a member of your 'ohana**. Examples include: (1) mowing the yard for your elderly neighbor; (2) your 'ohana does a beach clean-up on their own (not as part of an organized activity); (3) helping out at a fundraiser to raise money for a sick neighbor.
- Any volunteer work performed for a for-profit business or organization, **as long as that business is not owned by a member of your 'ohana**. Ideally, any volunteer work performed for this type of organization should be for the purpose of exploring career opportunities in a field in which you are interested in pursuing. Examples include: (1) answering phones at a doctor's office; (2) helping at a farm after school; (3) caring for children after school at an area pre-school.
- Any volunteer work done on behalf of a government agency to benefit your community. Examples include: (1) helping to register voters or working at the polls on election day; (2) participating in a highway clean-up.



There are also specific situations where volunteer work is **NOT** considered acceptable by Kamehameha Scholars:

- Any extra-curricular work performed on behalf of your school, which is a requirement toward your class grade. In other words, if you failed to complete this activity, it would be reflected in your grade. Examples include: (1) marching in the Aloha Week Parade as part of your school's marching band; (2) performing in the school play for your drama class; (3) practicing for the annual spring music performance.
- Any extra-curricular work performed on behalf of your school, which is a requirement for all students. An example is: (1) your school requires all students to perform classroom cleaning once a week.
- Any extra-curricular work performed as a member of an organization that will directly benefit that organization. Examples include: (1) your hālau holds a fundraiser to raise money to fly to the Merrie Monarch competition.
- Any volunteer work performed for a member of your 'ohana. **THIS IS CONSIDERED YOUR KULEANA TO YOUR 'OHANA, AND IS NOT A VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY.** Examples include: (1) the performance of any chores done to care for your home or property; (2) babysitting your younger siblings, nephews, nieces, cousins, etc.; (3) running errands for your grandmother.
- Any volunteer work performed for a business or organization that is owned by a member of your 'ohana. Examples include: (1) helping out on the family farm after school; (2) helping your mother care for children in her in-home childcare business; (3) filing paperwork for your grandparents' real estate business; (4) helping with inventory at your aunty's clothing store.
- Any work performed for which you receive compensation, whether that compensation be in the form of cash or "in kind" services. Examples of "in kind" services include: (1) performing tasks at your school as a requirement of your tuition assistance; (2) performing tasks at your school in exchange for free or reduced room and/or board; (3) providing instruction to younger students at your dojo in exchange for free or reduced membership fees.
- You are found guilty of a crime and your punishment, as mandated by the Court, is to perform a specific number of hours doing community service.

If you have any questions about whether or not a particular activity is acceptable by Kamehameha Scholars, please contact your grade level or regional counselor. And keep on volunteering!